

Archaeology comes to Vernonia

There will be some archaeological research in Vernonia over the next few weeks, with digging going on near the confluence of Rock Creek and the Nehalem River.

As part of the planned sewer enhancement project, Archaeo-

logical Investigations Northwest (AINW) will study of the former site of the "Negro Colony" that was home for African-American workers at the OA mill.

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50th anniversary celebration set



Left above, Dick and Joyce Johnson on their wedding day in 1956. Right, above, a more recent picture.

Dick and Joyce (Mask) Johnson, Vernonia High School sweethearts, will be celebrating their golden anniversary on April 22, at 2:00 p.m. at the Jetty Apartments, 426 SE Jetty

Ave., Lincoln City. Dick owned the Mist Shake and Ridge Mill for 28 years and had many people from Vernonia working there throughout those years. →

Next Museum Talk to be on genealogy

The next meeting of the Vernonia Pioneer Museum Board will be held Wednesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum. Anyone with an interest in Vernonia history or Museum activities is welcome to attend.

The board is looking for additional volunteers to "sit" during the hours the museum is open to the public (1-4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays during the winter months, and also 1-4:00 p.m. on Fridays during June, July and August). It's fun to welcome the various people who come in, and you certainly don't have to be an expert on local history to be a greeter.

The museum is also looking for a volunteer researcher who can handle the requests we get from patrons. There are usually only two to three requests per month, so this is not a huge time commitment. Whether you have an interest in learning more about local history or have a lot of knowledge about the area, they would welcome your help.

The next Museum Talk will be held on Sunday, April 23, at 2:00 p.m. Chris King Redmond

will speak about genealogy. She's done a lot of work compiling family histories and lineages. Come learn more about this subject. The museum

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Ah – Spring. March went out like a lamb so what is next? If you glanced through the last Independent, pick it up again. There was a lot of reading that counts to some real thinking. #1-Put the computer banks in the modulators. Keep them in the day light, not a dungeon. People need fresh air to stimulate their brains. #2-"Senior Specialists." All I know about annuities is "Seniors Beware," you can get trapped with them. #3-Notice of county Measure Election on May 16, '06. #4-Did you know Vernonia is part of the Portland Metro area? I didn't. No wonder we are lost in the woods. Who do

Friends and relatives are invited to come celebrate with the Johnsons.

we contact to correct such a stupid idea?

And on T.V. – The bruhaha they are having over school recess. The choices are, cut them out or shorten school day length or cut days out of the school year – and they say they want American children to be able to compete in the world's affairs?? Even teachers need recess.

Is there a true Birdwatcher in Vernonia? Why? I've seen some strange young birds at the lake this past month. Clark says they are not young Herons, but he can't name them either. They look strange in the water – only the neck and head above the water, sometimes. Like the "Nessie" of Scotland.

I do hope you put your clock ahead Saturday so you weren't late to church or the fishing spot. Easter is upon us, as is the Road Rally and clean up winter's doldrums.

Some 1975 humor that is still on target today (I found these in a "Treasure of Reader's Digest Humor").

1) The most underdeveloped territory in the world lies under your hat (voice of St. Jude).

2) Admirer to senatorial candidate after his speech, "Great speech, sir. I liked the straight forward way you dodged those issues" (Hoff in the Saturday Evening Post).

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50th
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